

4-5-2026 Sunday Sermon Message
Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: John 11:25-27

Title: **The Lord Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and Life**

In Jesus' words to Martha, He said that for the next two thousand years, when the Age of Grace ends and the Lord Jesus appears gloriously, the bodies of many Christians who have died believing in the Lord Jesus Christ will be resurrected, and that Christians who will be alive when Jesus comes will live forever without seeing death. When He said that He was the resurrection and the life, He was saying that He would resurrect not only Himself but also all Christians who died believing in Him.

The apostle Paul testified that on the day of the rapture, when the Lord Jesus appears in the air, He will bring with him all those who have died in Christ. Their bodies are in the tomb, but when they died, they testified that He would bring their spirits and souls with them, which He took to heaven:

"Brothers, I do not want you to be unknown concerning those who are asleep, so that you may not grieve like others who have no hope. If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. We say this to you in the word of the Lord, that we, who are alive until the Lord comes, will

never be able to precede those who are asleep.(1 Thessalonians 4:13-15)

God brings the spirits and souls of those who have fallen asleep in Jesus so that He can revive the bodies of all the sleeping Christians who have died in Christ in the past two thousand years and become dirt in the grave, so that they can reunite their spirits and souls and give them eternal life that will no longer die and will not decay.

When Jesus said to Martha, **"Whoever believes in me will live even if he dies," he said** while looking forward to the day of the rapture that He will appear in the air in the future. The apostle Paul realized this tremendous fact and said, **"The Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the sound of God's trumpet, and the dead will rise first in Christ."**

He testified.

Jesus also **said, "Whoever lives and believes in me will never die.He said that the** Christians who survived at the time of the rapture would no longer die, but would be transformed into incorruptible bodies and dwell with Christ forever.

The apostle Paul also testified of this hope:

"And then we, who are alive, will be dragged up with them into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, so that we

may be with the Lord forever.(1 Thessalonians 4:17)

After testifying about the hope of the rapture, the apostle Paul **said**, **"Therefore, comfort one another with these words.(1 Thessalonians 4:18).** The apostle Paul hinted that this day of the blessed rapture would be before the great tribulation.

The apostle Paul testified to the members of the Thessalonian church about the rapture before the Great Tribulation:

"And that God waits for his Son, who raised us from the dead, Jesus, who delivered us from the coming wrath, from heaven.(1 Thessalonians 1:10)

"They are at peace, they are safe.But brethren, you are not in darkness, and the day will not come upon you like a thief. You are all children of light and children of day. We are not of night or darkness, so let us not sleep like others, but let us be awake and alert, for those who sleep at night and drunk in the night. But we are of the day, so let us be sober, put on the breastplate of faith and love, and put on the helmet, which is the hope of salvation. For we are not ordained to receive wrath, but through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are saved.(1 Thessalonians 5:3-9)

Jesus gave the same comforting message when he wrote to the angel of the Philadelphia church:

"Write to the angel of the church in Philadelphia. The Holy One, the True One, the One Who has the Keys of David, who opens it and no one can close it, and if it is closed, no one can open it. I know your deeds. Behold, I have set an open door before you, and no one can close it. For you have kept my word even though you have little power, and you have not denied my name. Behold, I will make those who call themselves Jews, but no, but rather liars, who belong to the synagogue of Satan, and behold, I will make them come and worship at your feet, that they may know that I love you. Because you have kept the word of my patience, I will keep you in the time of temptation, which is the time to come upon the whole world and test those who live on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly, and hold fast to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. Whoever overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never go out again. And I will write on him the name of my God, and the city of my God, the name of the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven from my God, and I will write my new name on him. Let him who has ears hear the Holy Spirit speaking to the churches.(Revelation 3:7-13)

Amen! Hallelujah!